

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the present title with the following rewritten title:**

**Page 1, first paragraph is amended as follows:**

This is a continuation ~~Divisional~~ of Application No. 09/042,642 filed March 17, 1998, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

**Page 8, third paragraph is amended as follows:**

As illustrated in Fig. 1, four circumferential direction main grooves 14, which extend along the circumferential direction of the tire (the direction of arrow R and the direction opposite to the direction of arrow R, the direction of arrow R representing the primary or forward direction of rotation of the tire at the ground-contact configuration when mounted on a vehicle, and specifically on a wheel rim of the vehicle for rolling support), are formed in a tread 12 of a pneumatic tire 10 of the present first embodiment. At the tire transverse direction (the direction of arrow W) outer sides of the ~~circumferential~~ circumferential direction main grooves 14 which are formed at the tire transverse direction sides, a plurality of blocks 18, which are defined by these circumferential direction main grooves 14 and a plurality of transverse direction grooves 16 extending along the tire transverse direction, are disposed along the circumferential direction of the tire.